DESOTO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

JESSIE MEDLIN, PRESIDENT 2002 PRESIDING

May 20, 2002

A. CALL TO ORDER

The May 20, 2002, meeting of the DeSoto County Board of Supervisors was called to order by Supervisor Jessie Medlin, Board President.

Chief Deputy Charlie Brown of the DeSoto County Sheriff's Department was present and did open the DeSoto County Board of Supervisors meeting in a regular session to hear any and all business to come before the Board. The following were present:

Supervisor Jessie Medlin	District 1
Supervisor Eugene C. Thach	District 2
Supervisor Gerald Clifton	District 3
Supervisor John Caldwell	District 4
Supervisor Tommy Lewis	District 5
W. E. Sluggo Davis	Chancery Clerk
Sheriff James Albert Riley	Sheriff
David Armstrong	County Administrator
Bobby Chamberlin	Board Attorney

B. INVOCATION

Board Attorney Bobby Chamberlin presented the invocation.

C. OLD BUISINESS

1. Public Hearing Continued - Planning Commission - Building Codes

Supervisor Eugene Thach made the motion and Supervisor Gerald Clifton seconded the motion to open the Public Hearing for Building Codes in DeSoto County. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

Merritt Powell, Director of the Planning Commission, and Don Duncan, Chief Inspector for Planning, appeared before the Board of Supervisors to discuss the necessary changes required for the building codes. Merritt Powell said that Section 102-2 of the Standard Mechanical Codes, should be changed to "shall apply" and "the permits will be required." In addition the code should state "the code requirements shall be met on jobs of \$250 or less, but no permit is required." Also the code should show a permit is required to change from electric to gas or from gas to electric, but if you are changing gas to gas or electric to electric, no permit is required.

Supervisor Jessie Medlin asked if the Planning Commission personnel were already going by the 1997 codes. Merritt Powell said yes, and the Cities are also going by the 1997 codes.

Supervisor Eugene Thach asked if the County and Cities permits had the same comparable fees. Merritt Powell said yes, until recently when the City of Southaven changed some of their fees.

Supervisor Jessie Medlin asked if anyone was present that wished to speak regarding the

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building codes. No one spoke regarding the building codes. Supervisor John Caldwell made the motion and Supervisor Eugene Thach seconded the motion to close the public hearing. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

Supervisor John Caldwell made the motion and Supervisor Eugene Thach seconded the motion to approve the adoption of the changes to the 1997 Edition of the Standard Building Code, Standard Plumbing Code, Standard Gas Code, and the Standard Mechanical Code, based on the recommendation of the Director of the Planning Commission Merritt Powell. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

D. NEW BUSINESS

1. Planning Commission - Scruggs Creek Subdivision Section "A"

Merritt Powell, Director of the DeSoto County Planning Commission addressed the Board of Supervisors on behalf of Scruggs Creek Subdivision, Section "A." Michael Garriga, Deputy Director of the Planning Commission said this subdivision received approval, with plans for public water. However, the developer, Billy Todd, has asked that they be granted approval to install wells on the property instead of public water. Mr. Garriga said the Health Department first said they likely would not be able to approve this change, but recently they say they would likely approve the change to the wells if the plans are acceptable.

Because the developer, Billy Todd, was not present at the meeting, Supervisor Tommy Lewis made the motion and Supervisor Eugene Thach seconded the motion to carry this item over. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

Later in the meeting Mr. Todd requested consideration by the Board of Supervisors to revisit the issue. Merritt Powell said the regulations say that one acre lots need public water. Mr. Todd said the first time the Board heard this, there were five lots in the subdivision. That has been reduced to four lots. Mr. Powell said last week the developer requested approval to put down wells instead of using public water. Mr. Powell said the regulations say the lot size must be 1 ½ acres or more or they must go on the public water system.

Supervisor Tommy Lewis asked where the public water is? Mr. Todd said last year they paid \$600 per house and \$11,000 to upgrade their system. To date, no upgrades have been made. Because they have houses built and ready to occupy, Mr. Todd said he was here to request this change to the wells. Mr. Todd said to pursue public water, at this point, will cost an additional \$35,000 and that is not feasible for a total of twelve houses that will ultimately be in this subdivision.

Mr. Todd said, of the twelve lots, only three are less than $1\frac{1}{2}$ acre lots, and they are 1 acre lots. The other lots can have a well within the guidelines.

Supervisor Eugene Thach asked which public water system is in the area. Mr. Todd said Brights Water is in the area. Supervisor Thach asked if there is any way to increase the lot size of the three lots? Mr. Todd said no, and that the Health Department has already approved the lots with the wells.

Supervisor John Caldwell said this change could allow Mr. Todd to change the other lot sizes to increase the total number of lots in the subdivision. Mr. Todd said he does not want or plan to do that, and he would be happy to put that in writing as a condition to this approval.

Supervisor Tommy Lewis said he would rather see public water in the subdivision, but, in this situation, it may not be feasible.

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Supervisor Tommy Lewis made the motion and Supervisor Gerald Clifton seconded the motion to approve a modification to Scruggs Creek Subdivision, Section "A" to allow wells to replace the plan for public water, subject to proof of Health Department approval. The motion passed by a vote as follows:

Supervisor Jessie Medlin YES
Supervisor Eugene Thach
Supervisor Gerald Clifton YES
Supervisor John Caldwell ABSTAIN
Supervisor Tommy Lewis YES

Michael Garriga clarified that the Planning Commission should get a letter from the Health Department to put with the plat. The Chancery Clerk and Board Attorney both agreed the Health Department approval must be attached to the plat. The Board of Supervisors agreed the County's approval is contingent upon Health Department approval of the wells.

2. Bids Under Advisement

Jeannine Ruby, Director of Purchasing appeared before the Board of Supervisors to discuss various bids under advisement.

a. Fuel Tanker

Bid Number 02-201-002 was opened on May 8, 2002 for the sale of the surplus aviation fuel tanker truck. There were only two bids received as follows:

Mid-South Flying Services Inc.

Mark Ruby

Amount
\$1,049.00

\$400.00

Supervisor Tommy Lewis made the motion and Supervisor John Caldwell seconded the motion to accept the high bidder, Mid-South Flying Services Inc., for the amount of \$1,049.00. The motion passed by a unanimous vote. **See Exhibit D.2.a**

b. District Attorney Building

County Administrator David Armstrong said the appraisal for the District Attorney's building was \$400,000. The Board voted to go out for bids to sell the property. Jeannine Ruby, Director of Purchasing, said Bid Number 02-701-003 was opened on May 9, 2002 for the District Attorney's building and one bid was received from James Franks in the amount of \$400,000.

Mr. Franks was present at the Board meeting to discuss the award of the bid. Supervisor John Caldwell said the bid specs should have stipulated the transfer of property would not take place until the new facility for the District Attorney was ready for move in. Jeannine Ruby said the bid spec stated the County and successful bidder will negotiate a lease of the building and property from the bidder to the County from the date of closing until arrangements can be made to relocate the current occupant. The County anticipates negotiating a monthly lease, but will consider deferred possession. Supervisor Caldwell said the Board could take the bid under advisement. Supervisor Eugene Thach said the lease could be negotiated when the closeout is done. Supervisor Tommy Lewis said the Board should negotiate what the lease would be before closing.

Mr. Franks said he would like to close on the building as soon as possible because of the arrangements of his loan and he is agreeable to work with the County on the lease. Supervisor Thach asked what the average cost of rent is for the area. David Armstrong said he was told \$16 per square foot of space was the average lease. Supervisor John Caldwell suggested to carry this item over until the June Board meeting to figure what the lease would be. Supervisor Thach said this is the only person to bid, but the County needs to work out the details. Bobby Chamberlin said the option to take the bid under advisement to negotiate

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the lease is fine and if they are unable to negotiate the lease they can cancel the bid.

Jim Bearden, Director of Operations & Maintenance, said the second floor of the Administration Building could be renovated in three months. David Armstrong said Marvin Johnson has done the plans, so the County is ready to go out for bids on the renovation of the second floor. Supervisor Caldwell said he doesn't want to go into an agreement when we don't know how long we have to pay a lease. Supervisor Caldwell said the Board could reject all bids, renovate the second floor, and then do the bids for the building again. David Armstrong said the Board originally decided they did not want to renovate the second floor until they could see what the District Attorney's building would sell for. Bobby Chamberlin said the Board could approve the bid today based on the County Administrator negotiating a lease agreement later. Supervisor Tommy Lewis said he would like to hold this until the June Board meeting for the Board to work out a lease negotiation first. Supervisor Thach said this would give two weeks to negotiate the lease.

Jim Franks stressed the importance of the Board's decision and his willingness to work out a equitable lease agreement.

Supervisor Eugene Thach made the motion and Supervisor Tommy Lewis seconded the motion to accept the bid contingent upon negotiating the lease and the time frame and terms of lease with Board approval. The motion passed by a vote as follows:

Supervisor Jessie Medlin	NO
Supervisor Eugene Thach	YES
Supervisor Gerald Clifton	YES
Supervisor John Caldwell	NO
Supervisor Tommy Lewis	YES

See Exhibit D.2.b

Supervisor Jessie Medlin said the District Attorney was happy where he was and that was the reason for his no vote.

Supervisor Tommy Lewis asked when could the County advertise for the second floor renovation. Supervisor John Caldwell said the Board must have Marvin Johnson do the final drawings to go out for bid on the second floor renovation.

Supervisor John Caldwell made the motion and Supervisor Tommy Lewis seconded the motion to authorize Marvin Johnson to do the final drawings on the second floor renovation. The motion passed by a vote as follows:

Supervisor Jessie Medlin	NO
Supervisor Eugene Thach	YES
Supervisor Gerald Clifton	YES
Supervisor John Caldwell	YES
Supervisor Tommy Lewis	YES

Supervisor Eugene Thach made the motion and Supervisor Tommy Lewis seconded the motion to approve going out for bid for the renovation of the second floor of the Administration Building for the District Attorney's office. The motion passed by a vote as follows:

Supervisor Jessie Medlin	NO
Supervisor Eugene Thach	YES
Supervisor Gerald Clifton	YES
Supervisor John Caldwell	NO
Supervisor Tommy Lewis	YES

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c. RFP for Lawn Service

Jeannine Ruby, Director of Purchasing, said Bid Number 02-151-002 that was opened on May 17, 2002, received five bids as follows:

Bidder	Bid Price
DeSoto Co. Lawn & Tree Service	\$34,880
Oxner Landscaping	\$41,750
Leader Landscaping	\$42,000
Carlisle Landscaping Co.	\$49,500
Onesource Landscaping	\$65,716

Jeannine Ruby said the low bidder, DeSoto County Lawn & Tree Service, did not have the required license to operate per the requirement of the Department of Agriculture & Commerce Bureau of Plant Industry. Jeannine Ruby said she faxed the bid proposal and bid specs to Mr. Harry Fulton at the Dept. of Agriculture & Commerce Bureau and also spoke with Mr. Benny Graves, from that office, before she made her recommendation for a lawn service provider.

Supervisor Jessie Medlin asked if all bidders were present when the bids were opened. Jeannine Ruby said all but Mr. Carlisle. Board Attorney Bobby Chamberlin asked if all the bidders provided their license or if she had to ask for the license. Jeannine Ruby said some of the bid packets had the license inside and some of the bidders had their license in hand, except for DeSoto County Lawn & Tree Service. Supervisor Jessie Medlin asked how many vendors were asked to quote. Jeannine Ruby said she sent out quotes to eleven vendors and only eight of the eleven picked up their bid specs.

Supervisor Eugene Thach said the State guidelines require the vendor to have worked two years in their field. Supervisor Thach asked Mr. Brian Walker, owner of DeSoto County Lawn & Tree Service, why he didn't provide his license. Mr. Walker said he felt like the Board was making a big deal over the license requirement and that it was a political way to skew the bid.

Supervisor Tommy Lewis made the motion and Supervisor John Caldwell seconded the motion to hold this item over until the Board Attorney could review the bid specs and the bid quotes and then later in the meeting the Board would take a vote. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

Later in the meeting the Board Attorney Bobby Chamberlin stated he had looked over the bid specs and quotes and the Board sent out specific specs for the license to be provided at the time of bid opening. Bobby Chamberlin said as he understands Mr. Walker's concern is that the requirement for license should not be on the bid and not that he didn't provide his license. Bobby Chamberlin said the Board could vote on the lawn service based on specs sent out or reject bids and re-bid the service. Supervisor Lewis said the service the County requires also requires that the vendors have a license and that is why it was in the bid specs.

Mr. Walker said you don't have to have a license to plant flowers or for grass cutting. The County should let vendors bid on what they are professionals in.

Supervisor Eugene Thach said the County could have gone with the service they had, but he had requested the County go out for bids.

Supervisor John Caldwell made the motion and Supervisor Tommy Lewis seconded the motion to accept the recommendation of the Purchasing Director Jeannine Ruby, based on the performance of Oxner Landscaping for the past two years, this was the lowest bid to meet the bid specs, and that the bid tab be included as part of the Board minutes. The motion passed by a unanimous vote. **See Exhibit D.2.c**

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d. Copiers for the County

Jeannine Ruby, Director of Purchasing, said Bid Number 02-120-001 that was opened on May 8, 2002, received bids as follows:

<u>Bidder</u>	Total Price Per Month-Includes All Dept.
Copyplus – Minolta Machine	\$5,780.55
Xerox – Xerox Machine	\$5,819.75
Minolta USA – Minolta Machine	\$6,295.56
Inserve – Kyocera-Mita Machine	\$6,328.22
Ikon – Canon Machine	\$6,375.56
Lanier Worldwide – Lanier Machine	\$6,437.43
Panasonic Corp. – Panasonic Machir	ne \$6,501.00
Sharp/Northwest – Sharp Machine	\$6,795.05
Panasonic of Mphs Panasonic Mad	chine \$7,012.00
Rayco – Savin Machine	\$7,712.11
Imagistics – Pbos Machine	\$8,137.08

Jeannine Ruby said there were twenty-seven departments that would be serviced with copiers. Jeannine Ruby said they are recommending Copyplus. Jeannine Ruby said the Chancery Clerk and the Circuit Clerk offices are fee officials and they can choose their copier service. Supervisor John Caldwell asked if the maintenance matches up for all machines. Jeannine Ruby said yes. Supervisor Jessie Medlin asked who the County was with now. Jeannine Ruby said Ikon.

Chancery Clerk Sluggo Davis said some people charge for more per copy. Jeannine Ruby said they asked for the bid to be on 50,000 copies and then asked if there was a minimum. Jeannine Ruby said the County would be billed for all copies over the 50,000 copies.

Supervisor John Caldwell made the motion and Supervisor Jessie Medlin seconded the motion to accept the low bidder Copyplus for copier contracts & service for certain DeSoto County offices based on the Board Attorney's review on the contract. The motion passed by a vote as follows:

Supervisor Jessie Medlin	YES
Supervisor Eugene Thach	YES
Supervisor Gerald Clifton	YES
Supervisor John Caldwell	YES
Supervisor Tommy Lewis	ABSENT

^{**}See Exhibit D.2.d**

3. Approval to Apply for COPS grant

County Administrator David Armstrong said the COPS grant requested is asking for four new officers and the grant will cover a three-year period with a 75/25 split for funds. David Armstrong asked for approval from the Board to apply for the grant for the Sheriff's Department.

Supervisor John Caldwell made the motion and Supervisor Gerald Clifton seconded the motion to approve applying for the COPS grant. The motion passed by a unanimous vote

4. Approval of Memorandum of Negotiations

Tracy Huffman, Engineer with EAI/WEI, LLC, appeared before the Board of Supervisors requesting the approval for the Board President to sign the Memorandum of Negotiations between DeSoto County and EAI/WEI, LLC. Mr. Huffman said that EPA requires that the Board of Supervisors be aware of the how the fees are based and that both parties are

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in agreement. This is just documentation to be provided to EPA concerning the mutual

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agreement. Mr. Huffman said the Memorandum of Negotiations was presented to the Regional Utility Authority Board for their approval, prior to bringing it to the Board of Supervisors, and it was approved by the Regional Utility Authority.

Supervisor Jessie Medlin asked if this would cover everything for the Eastern facility. Mr. Huffman said this also includes the preliminary design for the Western facility, and the final design of the Eastern facility along with the interceptors and pipelines for the Eastern facility. Mr. Huffman said the total cost in the Memorandum is \$2,437,841, which is split at 55% EPA funds and 45% County funds.

County Administrator David Armstrong said the budget for this year was \$1,350,000 and the County has applied for the State Revolving Funds from DEQ and a portion of these funds would go toward this project.

Supervisor Jessie Medlin made the motion and Supervisor Gerald Clifton seconded the motion to approve the document and authorize Supervisor Tommy Lewis and the County Administrator to sign the document, since they were the participants in the discussion for this project. The motion passed by a unanimous vote. **See Exhibit D.4**

5. Comptroller – Joyce Riales

Comptroller Joyce Riales appeared before the Board of Supervisors regarding several items requiring the Boards approval.

a. Cancellation of Outstanding Warrants

Comptroller Joyce Riales said the County has a list of outstanding checks in excess of one year and she is requesting permission to cancel these checks and add the amounts back to the general fund. Ms. Riales said all payees have been contacted and if any decide to collect the funds, they can call the Comptroller to have a new check re-issued.

Supervisor Jessie Medlin made the motion and Supervisor Eugene Thach seconded the motion to approve the cancellation and return of funds to the general account for the following list of outstanding checks:

Name	Date of check Check # Ar		Amount	
Richard D. Storey	December 15, 1999	29796	\$	1.31
Vera K. Hendricks	December 31, 1998	20237	\$	648.22
Sharon L. Simmons	December 31, 1998	20240	\$	594.36
Chester Smith	February 29, 2000	31995	\$	0.63
Elizabeth Siglar	July 14, 2000	35770	\$	57.78
Allice Cobb	September 29, 2000	38105	\$	35.55
Postmaster	June 1, 1998	14062	\$	32.00
Wal-Mart Store #848	December 7, 1998	17906	\$	4.28
Fred's #1790	February 1, 1999	18822	\$	12.98
Fred's Pharmacy #1791	February 1, 1999	18823	\$	28.12
Trustmark Nat'l Bank	February 1, 1999	18963	\$	59.00
Bobby Storey	March 4, 1999	19770	\$	141.70
Brian Bradley	May 3, 1999	20929	\$	8.03
Fred's #1790	July 6, 1999	22071	\$	14.00
Super D #46	September 7, 1999	23822	\$	409.14
Tactical Advantages Consulting	September 7, 1999	23825	\$	397.50
Quality Ultra Print	November 1, 1999	25036	\$	45.30
Super D #46	November 1, 1999	25056	\$	221.82
Trustmark Nat'l Bank	January 4, 2000	26261	\$	204.41
Sumito Bank Finance & Lease	January 24, 2000	26459	\$	375.00
DeSoto County Armory	August 7, 2000	30846	\$	1,500.00
Trustmark Nat'l Bank	August 7, 2000	31022	\$	150.00
Shirley Taylor	August 18, 2000	31255	\$	80.00
Zelma Adams	August 24, 2000	31279	\$	68.00
Michael Joyner	September 1, 2000	31411	\$	36.00
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Tom Hooker	September 1, 2000	31419	\$	38.00
Julie Hoggard	September 15, 2000	31996	\$	32.00

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John Michael McInnis	October 27, 2000	684	\$ 38.00
Kirk Duane Morris	October 27, 2000	689	\$ 36.00
Marlene Roberts	October 27, 2000	695	\$ 36.00
George W. Clark Jr.	November 17, 2000	1213	\$ 63.20
Frank McMahon	November 17, 2000	1242	\$ 69.60
Charles Terry	January 2, 2001	2416	\$ 2.00
Lotus Development	January 2, 2001	2262	\$ 1,296.00
Mitchell Eugene Watson	February 7, 2001	3238	\$ 38.00
TOTAL AMOUNT			\$ 6,773.93

The motion passed by a unanimous vote. **See Exhibit D.5.a**

b. Budget Amendment - Sheriff's Dept.

In accordance with the provisions set forth in Section 19-11-11 of the Mississippi Code, the Board of Supervisors did discuss an amendment to the budget for the Fiscal year beginning October 1, 2001, and ending September 30, 2002. At the recommendation of the Comptroller, Joyce Riales, Supervisor Jessie Medlin made the motion and Supervisor Gerald Clifton seconded the motion to approve the budget amendment for the Sheriff's Department to provide health insurance match for the total number of deputees budgeted for at beginning of fiscal year as follows:

Item #	Description	Budget Amt.	Increase	Decrease	Total
001-200-468	Health Insurance	\$ 39,000.00	\$14,569.00		\$ 53,569.00
001-202-468	Health Insurance	\$ 453,843.00	\$19,827.00		\$ 473,670.00
001-220-468	Health Insurance	\$ 211,753.00	\$ 1,240.00		\$ 212,993.00
001-901-999	Ending Cash Bal.	\$7,470,289.00		\$35,636.00	\$7,434,651.00
	TOTALS	\$8,174,883.00	\$35,636.00	\$35,636.00	\$8,174,883.00

The motion passed by a unanimous vote. **See Exhibit D.5.b**

c. Budget Amendment - Insurance Account

In accordance with the provisions set forth in Section 19-11-11 of the Mississippi Code for the Board of Supervisors did discuss an amendment to the budget for the Fiscal year beginning October 1, 2001, and ending September 30, 2002. At the recommendation of the Comptroller, Joyce Riales, Supervisor Gerald Clifton made the motion and Supervisor Eugene Thach seconded the motion to approve the budget amendment for the County insurance to establish an account to pay insurance claims under the new policy as follows:

Item #	Description	Budget Amt.	Increase	Decrease	Total
001-106-955	Self Insured Retention Acct.	0	\$150,000.00		\$150,000.00
001-901-999	Ending Cash Bal. TOTALS	\$7,434,651.00 \$7,434,651.00	\$150,000.00	\$150,000.00 \$150,000.00	\$7,284,651.00 \$7,434,651.00

The motion passed by a vote as follows:

Supervisor Jessie Medlin	YES
Supervisor Eugene Thach	YES
Supervisor Gerald Clifton	YES
Supervisor John Caldwell	YES
Supervisor Tommy Lewis	ABSENT

^{**}See Exhibit D.5.c**

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d. Loan Repayment

Comptroller Joyce Riales said approval is needed for the interfund loan repayment. Supervisor John Caldwell made the motion and Supervisor Eugene Thach seconded the motion to approve the following repayment of an interfund loan as follows:

From: State Development Bank Pool 383-000-148 \$650,000.00 To: General County Fund 001-000-053 \$650,000.00

The motion passed by a vote as follows:

Supervisor Jessie Medlin YES
Supervisor Eugene Thach YES
Supervisor Gerald Clifton YES
Supervisor John Caldwell YES
Supervisor Tommy Lewis ABSENT

e. Supplemental Claims Docket

Comptroller Joyce Riales presented the supplementary claims docket showing claims that need to be paid for various departments as of May 20, 2002. In accordance with Section 19-13-31 and Section 19-11-23 of the Mississippi Code Annotated, Supervisor John Caldwell made the motion and Supervisor Gerald Clifton seconded the motion to authorize the Chancery Clerk to pay the bills as presented by the Comptroller in the total amount of \$1,158,786.87. The motion passed by a vote as follows:

Supervisor Jessie Medlin
Supervisor Eugene Thach
Supervisor Gerald Clifton
Supervisor John Caldwell
Supervisor Tommy Lewis
ABSENT

Supervisor Jessie Medlin said he voted no, because he hadn't reviewed it.

6. Approval to Use Courthouse Grounds – Health Awareness Open House Aug. 3, 2002

County Administrator David Armstrong said the County has received a request for approval, from the Oak Hill MB Church to use the Courthouse grounds on August 3, 2002, for a Health Awareness Open House that will be free to the public.

Supervisor Eugene Thach said he has a problem with people on the lawn at the Courthouse. Vanessa Lynchard said she had talked with the church representative regarding the sprinklers on the Courthouse lawn. David Armstrong said he would have Jim Bearden, Director of Operations & Maintenance to contact them to discuss the arrangements for the event.

Supervisor Tommy Lewis made the motion and Supervisor John Caldwell seconded the motion to approve the use of the County facility based on the Health Awareness Open House being held the 1ST Saturday in August when the traffic is not an issue, and to have it preferably being located on the parking lot facility. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

7. Computer System Security Policy

Larry Wood, Director of the Information System Department, appeared before the Board of Supervisors to discuss the computer system security policy. Mr. Wood stated that the State Audit Department requires a policy be adopted and recommends a change in ITEM D.7, CONTINUED,

password every sixty days. Mr. Wood said there are four levels of security rights to access information.

^{**}See Exhibit D.5.d**

Board Attorney Bobby Chamberlin said he had looked over the Security Policy and finds no problems with the structure.

Supervisor Jessie Medlin asked Mr. Wood if he had anything on a backup and recovery plan. Mr. Wood said the County has a redundant system in three locations, with the Southaven offices having the highest disaster area. Mr. Wood said they are working on the plan but implementation would be in the next couple of months. Supervisor Tommy Lewis asked if there was anything in the budget for this. Mr. Wood said no funds are required.

Supervisor Eugene Thach made the motion and Supervisor Tommy Lewis seconded the motion to adopt the County Computer System Security Policy, based on the recommendation of the Director of Information Systems Larry Wood and directed implementation of the policy in County offices. The motion passed by a unanimous vote. **See Exhibit D.7**

8. Approval of Election Precinct Redistricting

Circuit Clerk Dale Thompson and Election Commissioner Paul Beale appeared before the Board of Supervisors to present the proposed voter precincts based on the new Supervisors Districts.

Dale Thompson said they are proposing a new precinct called Horn Lake South to be located at the Horn Lake Fire Station on Hwy 51. Supervisor John Caldwell said this location will have problems for parking.

Supervisor Jessie Medlin asked if the Election Commission had added Crumpler and Goodman to the Olive Branch South precinct. Supervisor Medlin said these locations voted at Mineral Wells before, but asked the Election Commission and Circuit Clerk to look at the number of voters scheduled for the Olive Branch South and how many would be added to this location with the new plan. Supervisor Medlin said he needed to know where the old South line parameters were. Dale Thompson said she would get the numbers for Supervisor Medlin.

Supervisor Gerald Clifton requested to move the voting precinct at Hope Sullivan to Cherry Valley.

Dale Thompson asked the Board of Supervisors to send letters to the City of Horn Lake, the City of Olive Branch and the Board of Education to request the facilities for the new precincts. Dale Thompson said she had received a verbal ok to use the Olive Branch Fire Station, but the Board should request permission in writing. David Armstrong said he would write the letter to the City of Olive Branch for the Fire Station, the City of Horn Lake for the Fire Station, the City of Southaven for the move from Hope Sullivan to Cherry Valley, and the Board of Education for the DeSoto Central School.

David Armstrong asked where the upcoming June 4TH election would require a voting facility. Dale Thompson said they needed one at Oak Grove, Alphaba, and Miller.

Supervisor John Caldwell made the motion and Supervisor Tommy Lewis seconded the motion to take the proposed voter precincts under advisement. The motion passed by a unanimous vote. **See Exhibit D.8**

9. Chancery Clerk Allowances

Chancery Court Clerk, W. E. Davis, presented an order of Allowances to the Board of **ITEM D.9, CONTINUED,**

Supervisors for the May 2002, term in the amount of \$1,376.66. Supervisor Eugene Thach made the motion and Supervisor Jessie Medlin seconded the motion to approve these payments, pursuant to Section 25-7-9 of the Mississippi Code of 1972, Annotated.

The motion passed by a vote as follows:

Supervisor Jessie Medlin	YES
Supervisor Eugene Thach	YES
Supervisor Gerald Clifton	YES
Supervisor John Caldwell	ABSENT
Supervisor Tommy Lewis	ABSENT

^{**}See Exhibit D.9**

Supervisor Eugene Thach made the motion and Supervisor Gerald Clifton seconded the motion to recess for lunch until 1:15 p.m. The motion passed by a vote as follows:

Supervisor Jessie Medlin	YES
Supervisor Eugene Thach	YES
Supervisor Gerald Clifton	YES
Supervisor John Caldwell	ABSENT
Supervisor Tommy Lewis	ABSENT

10. Approval to Authorize Signature to Call Bonds

Vanessa Lynchard, Director of Administrative Services, said that Bancorp South is in the process of updating the records and they want someone from the County to be designated to sign the bonds. Supervisor Jessie Medlin said Mr. Ivy or Russell Dorris should be the ones to sign to call the bonds. Supervisor Medlin said it would be good to have two people to have the authority to sign the bonds. Supervisor Tommy Lewis suggested the Board President to be designated to sign the bonds since this is a sensitive issue for the Board. Vanessa Lynchard said the road bond report should take care of advising the Board regarding bonds coming due and often this requires short notice.

Supervisor Jessie Medlin made the motion and Supervisor John Caldwell seconded the motion to authorize the Subdivision Inspector, Mr. Jim Ivy, the Road Manager, Russell Dorris, and the Chancery Clerk, Sluggo Davis, to sign the bonds for the County and to require that the Board of Supervisors be contacted before any bonds are called. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

11. Making the Approved Contract with Delta Constructors for the Wastewater Treatment Facility a Part of the Minutes

County Administrator David Armstrong said the contract with Delta Constructors for the Western Division Wastewater Treatment Facility needs approval by the Board to be made part of the Board minutes.

Supervisor Gerald Clifton made the motion and Supervisor Jessie Medlin seconded the motion to approve making the approved contract with Delta Constructors, the approved bidder, for the Wastewater Treatment Facility a part of the Board minutes. The motion passed by a unanimous vote. **See Exhibit D.11**

12. Approval of Novalis Software License Agreement for Tax Mapping

Stephen Gullett, Tax Assessor employee, said the Novalis Software License Agreement for Tax Mapping states that the County is not going to copy information that is being provided. Board Attorney Bobby Chamberlin said that the arbitration statement needs to come out of the agreement and that he needs to look at the limit of liability recovery and there are some other things the County can't agree to that are listed in the agreement.

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Supervisor Eugene Thach made the motion and Supervisor John Caldwell seconded the motion to hold this item over until the Board Attorney can review the agreement. The motion passed by a unanimous vote. **See Exhibit D.12**

13. Beaver Control Assistance Program

Jothie Gee, Beaver Control Specialist, appeared before the Board of Supervisors to express his appreciation to the Board for their letter of recommendation for the Beaver Control Assistance Program (BCAP). Mr. Gee explained the changes to the BCAP for FY2003. Mr. Gee said the County participation fee has been increased to \$3,000 annually. Mr. Gee said the program has cut two employees and that he now has to cover four Counties, which are DeSoto, Tate, Marshall, and Tunica. Mr. Gee said the private sector fee has increased to \$10 per hour starting from their house. Mr. Gee said due to the recent rains, the beavers have multiplied and the County would be receiving a lot of calls.

Mr. Gee said that since the events of September 11, 2001, they have been working with the State of New York regarding birds setting on towers and flying into airplanes taking off. Mr. Gee said his turn to be called to New York comes up in June and that he wanted the Board to be aware of his possibly being out of town during this period.

Supervisor Jessie Medlin introduced Jothie Gee to the Road Manger Russell Dorris.

Supervisor Eugene Thach made the motion and Supervisor Gerald Clifton seconded the motion to approve the application to participate in the Beaver Control Assistance Program for FY2003 at \$3,000 and authorized the clerk to write the check. The motion passed by a unanimous vote. ** See Exhibit D.13**

14. Safety Officers Monthly Report

Safety Officer Tim Curtis appeared before the Board of Supervisors to present the Monthly Safety Report. Mr. Curtis said the major concern for the month of April was the 8 accident reports. Mr. Curtis said the workers comp cards had been distributed in hopes to streamline the claims.

Supervisor Jessie Medlin made the motion and Supervisor Gerald Clifton seconded the motion to accept the Safety Officer's Monthly Reports into the Board minutes. The motion passed by a vote as follows:

Supervisor Jessie Medlin	YES
Supervisor Eugene Thach	YES
Supervisor Gerald Clifton	YES
Supervisor John Caldwell	YES
Supervisor Tommy Lewis	ABSENT

^{**}See Exhibit D.14**

15. Emergency Management / Aviation Building – Marvin Johnson

Architect Marvin Johnson appeared before the Board of Supervisors to present the proposed EMS/Aviation Building. Mr. Johnson said he was asked to look at three sites for the proposal and the following is his recommendation:

Site C – East end of the Landfill, Starlanding Road.

This site location is not recommended for the following reasons:

1. This property slopes approximately twenty-five feet in height in the East-West direction, and approximately eighteen feet in the North-South direction, and will have to have considerable

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- grading done in order to build this project, on more level
- 2. Proximity to the adjacent trailer park will impact the neighborhood with noise during flight operations.
- 3. The area of undisturbed soil is marginal in size for a facility of

this size.

4. Flights taking off to the East are restricted by the trailer park, where flights leaving to the West are into the tower. Safest landings are going to be restricted to/from the North.

Site B – West end of the Landfill, Starlanding Road.

This site is not recommended for the following reasons:

- 1. The location will be considerably, further off the road than any other location.
- 2. Utilities are not closely available.
- 3. Grading and paving will be needed to create a new road into
- 4. Proximity to the existing tower is overwhelming when on-site, especially when viewing the guide wires. Flight operations at this location are especially dangerous by day, and much more
- 5. Risk of theft is greater, at this remote location.
- 6. Grading of the site will be considerably more expensive, due to the terrain, where dirt has been removed and added so often over the years.

Site A – adjacent to the Existing Maintenance Department.

This is the recommended site for the following reasons:

- 1. Site is relativly level.
- 2. Site is close to the existing street and adjacent utilities.
- 3. There are no close adjacent neighbors for noise disturbance.
- 4. There are no close obstructions to flight operations.5. The site is more secure from a theft standpoint.

Mr. Johnson said the proposed plans for the building calls for a meeting room that could be used by either department and the ability to share parking is an asset. Supervisor John Caldwell asked what the size of the total site was. Mr. Johnson said it was 1600 feet deep and 740 feet wide. Mr. Johnson said the EMS storage building would contain an office, storage, shop and an open storage shed. The Aviation Hangar is an 8500 sq. ft. building with showers. Mr. Johnson said the probable cost would be \$435,000 to build this building. Mr. Johnson said the sewage treatment plant would have to be relocated for all three buildings.

Supervisor Eugene Thach asked where the County plans to get the money to do this project and if the Sheriff had any money in his budget to spend. County Administrator David Armstrong said the only money available for the project is the bond money.

Supervisor Eugene Thach made a motion to take the project under advisement. The motion failed for lack of a second.

Supervisor John Caldwell said to take the total design down and to dress up the front of the building.

Supervisor John Caldwell made the motion and Supervisor Gerald Clifton seconded the motion to approve final design to dress up the front of the building, proceed with the project and to add restrooms to the EMS building. The motion passed by a vote as follows:

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Supervisor Jessie Medlin	NO
Supervisor Eugene Thach	YES
Supervisor Gerald Clifton	YES
Supervisor John Caldwell	YES
Supervisor Tommy Lewis	YES

Supervisor Tommy Lewis said he would like to see at least three restrooms each in the building. Supervisor Lewis asked Mr. Johnson to bring the project back to the June 3, 2002, Board meeting, the final design and final construction documents. Supervisor Jessie Medlin said he is not opposed to building the building, but we need to visit the Road Manager with the plans. **See Exhibit D.15**

16. Landfill Site Plan

County Administrator David Armstrong asked to hold this item over. No motions were made on this item.

17. Cooperative Agreement with MDEQ for Digital Earth Model

County Administrator David Armstrong said MDEQ presented a proposal to the Legislature to install a test site in Mississippi and chose DeSoto County. All the work has already been done on this item, but this is the Cooperative Agreement with MDEQ relating to the development of a demonstration project for the Mississippi Digital Earth Model and they are asking that it be signed. David Armstrong said the Board's approval for the Board President to sign the agreement is required.

Supervisor Gerald Clifton made the motion and Supervisor John Caldwell seconded the motion to approve the authorization for the Board President to sign the Cooperative Agreement with MDEQ for use of Digital Earth Model and to make it a part of the Board minutes. The motion passed by a unanimous vote. **See Exhibit D.17**

18. Approval for Estimate for Signal Warrant Analysis at Hwy 305 & Church Road

County Engineer Andy Swims said the County would be responsible for a signal light to be installed at Hwy 305 and Church Road, but MDOT requires the County to do a traffic analysis before the signal light could be installed. Mr. Swims said he contacted Engineering Associates, Inc. to send a copy of their fee schedule for the Board of Supervisors approval. Mr. Swims said the total cost for the traffic analysis study would be \$1,513 and then the County might not get the signal light. Supervisor Jessie Medlin said that Daniel Murphy, Consulting County Engineer, had recommended the signal light be done and that the County would contact the City of Olive Branch to help pay for this project.

Supervisor John Caldwell made the motion and Supervisor Jessie Medlin seconded the motion to approve the contract and fee from Engineering Associates, Inc., in the amount of \$1,513 for the traffic analysis study for a signal light at Hwy 305 and Church Road. The motion passed by a unanimous vote. ** See Exhibit D.18**

19. Approval of Federal Annual Certification Report 1999-2001 – Metro Narcotics

County Administrator David Armstrong said when the Federal Annual Certification Report for 2001 was filed for funds to be reimbursed from the U. S. Department of Justice /ACA Program, they claimed they had no receipt of the 1999 and 2000 reports. David Armstrong said even though there was no split of funds for these two years, they must be filed and they require the signature of the Board President.

Supervisor Eugene Thach made the motion and Supervisor John Caldwell seconded the motion to authorize the Board President to sign the Federal Annual Certification Reports **ITEM D.19, CONTINUED,**

for 1999, 2000 and 2001 and to make them part of the Board minutes. The motion passed by a unanimous vote. **See Exhibit D.19**

20. Board of Education Request for School Bus Turnaround

The DeSoto County Board of Supervisors received a letter dated May 15, 2002 from DeSoto County Superintendent Jerry Baird requesting the County to maintain property

which is used as a school bus turnaround. In accordance with Section 19-3-42, Mississippi Code of 1972 as amended, stating that the school bus turnarounds will be built, maintained and improved, Supervisor John Caldwell made the motion to build, maintain, and improve the properties in the Superintendent's letter dated May 15, 2002, and to direct the County Road Manager to carry out this order of this Board forthwith. Supervisor Gerald Clifton seconded the motion for the following:

Pearlie Thomas 5085 Daniel Lane Hernando, MS Homebound Child

The motion passed by a unanimous vote. **See Exhibit D.20**

21. Approval to Pay Water Deposit for County Park

Supervisor Jessie Medlin said the ball field at the County park has not signed up for the Rural Water Deposit and he would like to take the money from the District 1 Park Funds to pay the water deposit.

Supervisor Jessie Medlin made the motion and Supervisor John Caldwell seconded the motion to pay the Rural Water Associate water deposit, in the amount of \$60.00, from the District 1 Park Funds and to have the clerk write the check. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

E. EXECUTIVE SESSION

The executive session portions of these minutes are recorded under the portion of the minutes called "Executive Session."

F. OTHER ISSUES

1. Brentwood's Interim Disposal Plan

Board Attorney Bobby Chamberlin said the temporary disposal of waste for the Brentwood Originals facility would cost about \$9,900 until the wastewater facility could handle the disposal. County Administrator David Armstrong said the Brentwood plant is opened and must have a temporary arrangement for pumping waste at this time. David Armstrong said the County must hire a truck to pump out the waste and dispose of the material. Bobby Chamberlin said the plant would have 2,500 gallon of waste per day and it is estimated that it would be August before the wastewater facility could handle the waste. David Armstrong said the County has an obligation to provide wastewater disposal under the Memorandum of Understanding signed by the Board until the treatment facility can provide this service. Supervisor Eugene Thach said the Regional Utility Authority has the authority to provide this service. Supervisor John Caldwell said the County has the short term agreement to provide this service and the Regional Utility Authority would handle the long term agreement. Bobby Chamberlin said it is DeSoto County's responsibility to provide disposal based on the Memorandum of Understanding signed by the Board.

Supervisor Jessie Medlin made the motion and Supervisor Gerald Clifton seconded the motion to authorize the payment and negotiations for the disposal of waste for the Brentwood Originals plant and directed that all purchasing laws be followed. The motion passed by a vote as follows:

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Supervisor Jessie Medlin Y	ES
Supervisor Eugene Thach N	O
Supervisor Gerald Clifton Y	ES
Supervisor John Caldwell N	O
Supervisor Tommy Lewis Y	ES

2. Bridgetown Fire Department

Supervisor Tommy Lewis said the Bridgetown Fire Department is making an addition to their fire station and has asked the Board of Supervisors to waive any building fees required. Supervisor Lewis said they have not requested any funds from the County for this project.

Supervisor Tommy Lewis made the motion and Supervisor John Caldwell seconded the motion to authorize the waiver of any building and permit fees for the Bridgetown Fire Department. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

3. Regional Utility Authority – Administrative Assistant

County Administrator David Armstrong introduced Emily Roberts, Administrative Assistant for the Regional Utility Authority, to the Board of Supervisors.

4. Resolution to Refinance

Supervisor Jessie Medlin said the Board must authorize the Board President to sign the

RESOLUTION DECLARING THE INTENTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF DESOTO COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI, TO ISSUE GENERAL OBLIGATION REFUNDING BONDS, SERIES 2002 OF THE COUNTY TO RAISE MONEY FOR THE PURPOSE OF REFUNDING ALL OF OR CERTAIN OUTSTANDING MATURITIES OF THE COUNTY'S GENERAL OBLIGATION REFUNDING BONDS, SERIES 1992A, DATED OCTOBER 1, 1992, ISSUED IN THE ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF \$2,680,000, GENERAL OBLIGATION REFUNDING BONDS, SERIES 1992B, DATED OCTOBER 1, 1992, ISSUED IN THE ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF \$1,525,000, GENERAL OBLIGATION ROAD AND BRIDGE BONDS, SERIES 1994, DATED APRIL 1, 1994, ISSUED IN THE ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF \$3,000,000 AND GENERAL OBLIGATION ROAD AND BRIDGE BONDS, SERIES 1996, DATED JUNE 1, 1996, ISSUED IN THE ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF \$6,000,000.

Supervisor Tommy Lewis made the motion and Supervisor Gerald Clifton seconded the motion to approve and authorize the Board President sign the above Resolution to refinance County funds. The motion passed by a unanimous vote. **See Exhibit F.4**

5. Ranch Road

Supervisor Tommy Lewis said he needed to make a change to the Overlay Contract for 2002. Supervisor Lewis said that Ranch Road was in need of overlay and he wants to swap out the overlay on Vaiden Road and change it to Ranch Road. Road Manager Russell Dorris said he had put Ranch Road on the under lay list to handle the road, but it would be better to add to the overlay contract. Supervisor Lewis said Ranch Road is a washboard road and the 2 miles of overlay would help the condition of the road.

Supervisor Tommy Lewis made the motion and Supervisor Gerald Clifton seconded the motion to get an estimate based on the possibility to overlay 2 miles of Ranch Road. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

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6. Roads

Road Manager Russell Dorris said that Oak Ridge Road was torn up by construction in the area and that they had received several complaints. Russell Dorris said they went and repaired the road as best as they could. Supervisor Gerald Clifton said he had been in the area and the road looked good. Supervisor Eugene Thach said that Church Road looks good also. Supervisor Jessie Medlin said that Craft Road was a mess with holes all in the road. Russell Dorris said they had gone and patched some areas, but it still

needed some work.

Russell Dorris said that he had disbanded one of the road crews and put them to mowing grass and assigned them to other areas. No motions were made on this item.

7. Appointment to CVB – District 1

Supervisor Jessie Medlin made the motion and Supervisor Tommy Lewis seconded the motion to reappoint Clinton Nichols to a four year term with the Civic Center Board, to represent District 1, with the expiration of the term being April 15, 2006. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

8. Advertising County Resources

Supervisor Jessie Medlin said that a youth who participates with the Olive Branch School Choir has been selected by Delta State University to go to Europe and participate with them at several concerts. They have to raise \$4,100 in funds to go.

Supervisor Jessie Medlin made the motion and Supervisor Gerald Clifton seconded the motion to advertise DeSoto County Resources by contributing \$ 250.00 to Sam Palmer / Sound of America. In accordance with Section 17-3-3, of the Mississippi Code of 1972, the Board of Supervisors did make a determination that the above request would advertise the resources and possibilities of DeSoto County and thereby advance the moral, financial and other interests of DeSoto County. The Board of Supervisors noted that a banner or pin must be used at the site, advertising the resources of DeSoto County. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

9. Olive Branch Fire Range

Board Attorney Bobby Chamberlin said the City of Olive Branch wants to expand their firing range and they have contacted the County for an interlocal agreement for the Sheriff's Department to do the labor. Supervisor Eugene Thach said the Sheriff has gone over to Walls and used that range. Bobby Chamberlin they came back to the Board to draw up a proposal. Supervisor Jessie Medlin said they plan to build a range at Ross Road near the gravel pit.

Supervisor Eugene Thach made the motion and Supervisor Gerald Clifton seconded the motion to authorize the Board Attorney to draw up an interlocal agreement regarding the firing range for the City of Olive Branch. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

10. Statewide Mutual Aid

T. H. Walker, Director of EMS, said he had met with the Cities of Olive Branch, Horn Lake and Southaven and they have committed to be involved with the County in the Statewide Mutual Aid Program. Mr. Walker said he needs authority for the Board President to sign the papers.

Supervisor John Caldwell made the motion and Supervisor Jessie Medlin seconded the motion to authorize the Board President to sign the papers regarding the Statewide Mutual Aid Program. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

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11. EDA Approval Economic Development – Brentwood Originals

Supervisor Gerald Clifton said the County had received a call from Senator Thad Cochran's office informing that DeSoto County had been awarded \$1,065,000 in EDA funds for the Brentwood Originals Project.

Supervisor Tommy Lewis made the motion and Supervisor John Caldwell seconded the motion to authorize a letter be sent to the Congressman to thank them for all the help they have provided the County in securing these funds from EDA. The motion passed

by a unanimous vote.

12. Olive Branch Thrift Shop

Board Attorney Bobby Chamberlin said he had been asked by the Board to hire an appraiser to do a lease appraisal. Bobby Chamberlin said that Mr. Norwood can't do lease appraisals. Bobby Chamberlin said the Board would need to go by other leases to establish what the lease should be for the Olive Branch Thrift Shop or hire a qualified lease appraiser.

Supervisor Jessie Medlin made the motion and Supervisor John Caldwell seconded the motion to authorize the Board Attorney to contact Olive Branch Reality and Rip Walker to establish a lease appraisal and to take the best price. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

13. Sirens

Supervisor Jessie Medlin asked T. H. Walker, Director of EMS, if any word had been sent to the DeSoto County EMS on sirens. Mr. Walker said he was still waiting to hear from the Homeland Security committee regarding the sirens. No motions were made on this item.

Supervisor John Caldwell made the motion and Supervisor Eugene Thach seconded the motion, to adjourn the meeting until June 3, 2002 at 9:00 am. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

THIS the 20th. day of May 2002, these minutes have been read and approved by the DeSoto County Board of Supervisors.

Jessie Medlin, President DeSoto County Board of Supervisors